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WASTE DISPOSER HAVING A
VARIABLE SPEED MOTOR (as amended)

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of the listed documents (documents A1-A2 and B1) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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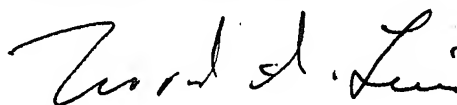
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With reference to the Japanese patent, number B1, Applicants wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the fact that this application was published after Applicant's priority date, and hence is not believed to be material to patentability. Additionally, please note that this is a full English-language translation of the Japanese application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (3)(ii), a Machine Assisted Translation of which was filed previously in this matter.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered and made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner initial the spaces on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 to evidence the same.

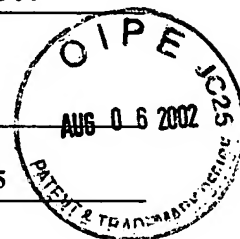
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	A1	6,239,530	05/29/01	Garcia, F.	310	216	09/29/99
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